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TRADE DISPUTE
BILL IN COMMONS

MEASURE DOES NOT PLEASE LABOR MEMBERS

Supported by Irish Representatives and Number of Liberals They Will Seek Concessions.

London, March 28.—The trade disputes bill, which is a direct outcome of the Taft-Vale decision, which held that trades union funds are liable for the illegal acts of individual members of a union, was introduced into the House of Commons to-day by the attorney-general. He said that the recent court decisions had seriously curtailed the usefulness of trades unions. Their undoubted right of peaceful persuasion had been cut down to the point of extinction, and funds contributed to provide against sickness and lack of employment had been held liable to meet claims based on the repudiated acts of unauthorized officials.

The present bill provides that no act of a trades union shall be held to be unlawful, if such action is lawful when committed by an individual and sets forth in express terms the right of peaceful picketing, which the attorney-general declared was an essential part of the right to strike and defies the law or agency as applied to trades unions, making it impossible to claim redress from union funds for any act unless it is perfectly clear that the act was authorized by the governing body of the union.

In regard to the demands for the complete immunity of trades union funds from attack, the attorney-general declared that he did not think it right to create a special privilege for the proletariat.

It speedily became evident that the government's measure was not to the liking of the labor members, who before its introduction declared their opposition to anything short of complete immunity for union funds. They are supported by the Irish and many ministerial members and unless the government measure is extended so as to give upon funds complete immunity from claims for damages arising from strikes the labor members will test the opinion of the house with a bill which they have prepared. The Irish members will ask to have the bill extended to include Irish farmers who are open to unfair treatment. The bill, which was read for the first time to-day, will be fought on its second reading to committee.

Difference of Opinion.

London, March 29.—What is considered to be a tactical mistake on the part of the government in coming into serious conflict not only with the labor party but a large majority of its Liberal supporters, over the introduction of the trades disputes bill in the House of Commons yesterday is avowedly due to differences of opinion among the ministers themselves. A minority being against a complete concession to labor views and the compromise adopted apparently pleases nobody.

The incident is the subject of unanimous keen regret on the part of the Liberal newspapers this morning, because, they say, it has already become known that the government will yield by leaving the question to be decided by the house and the result of this will be a great loss of prestige to the government.

Besides, the papers say, it is almost

UNREST IN SOMALAND.

Great Britain May Be Forced to Take Action to Protect Her Subjects.

London, March 28.—The situation in Somaliland, near the Abyssinian frontier, is causing anxiety in view of the recent death of Ras Makonnen, governor of Harrara, who had powerful pro-British influence over the turbulent tribes. During the last two months Abyssinian tribes have on three occasions raided the frontier tribes under British protection, and it is expected that Great Britain will be forced to take action in order to protect her subjects. Ras Makonnen attempted to disarm the Abyssinian frontier tribesmen, but failed. With a less friendly governor the tribes will probably become more aggressive.

JAP PEERS FIGHT.

Rough and Tumble in the Upper House—Police Restored Order.

London, March 28.—The correspondent at Tokio of the Daily Telegraph reports that the submission of the house of peers' amendment to the bill for the nationalization of railways to the house of representatives Tuesday caused a free fight, a considerable exchange of blows and the tearing of clothes among members. Eventually the police were summoned, restored order and closed the doors, in order to frustrate the attempt of the opposition to leave the house in a body. The bill was then adopted by a vote of 214, the opposition declining to throw a vote, as it considered the government's action in the matter inconsistent with the principles of constitutional government.

LAKE SEAMEN.

Annual Agreement With the Carriers' Union—Increase in Overtime Pay.

Detroit, Mich., March 28.—Representatives of the Lake Seamen's Union late last night concluded their annual conference with the executive committee of the Lake Carriers' Union. The annual agreement, which was adopted, increases overtime pay to 25 cents an hour, and fixes 10 hours as a working day while in port. The regular scale of wages remains at last season's figures.

To-day the executive committee of the lake carriers will open a conference with representatives of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union.

FAMILIES HOMELESS.

Hundreds of People Driven From Their Houses By Floods.

Waterloo, Iowa, March 28.—The water in the Cedar river rose over 11 feet last night, and early to-day broke the levees and flooded the business district of Waterloo. Hundreds of families were rendered homeless. Rock Island tracks were washed out for half a mile, and all roads are tied up.

Cedar Falls reports a similar disaster and 200 families there were rendered homeless. Bridges and dams were swept away. At 7 o'clock the flood came to a standstill and danger for the present is believed to be over.

STEAMER DAMAGED.

The Italian Reached Palermo After Having Been Ashore.

Palermo, Sicily, March 28.—The Italian steamer Italia arrived here to-day after having been ashore. She is leaking badly and must discharge her cargo and go into dry dock for repairs. Her passengers are being landed here.

The identity of the Italia is in doubt. There are two steamers of that name trading between Italian ports and New York.

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"Perhaps, however," the article says, "the most significant though least obtrusive phenomenon is the part of peace played by the American representative. Mr. White has been the 'peaceful picket' of the conference. The peace is indebted to him."

The Daily Telegraph comments upon the fact that America thus found circumstances too strong for "doctrines" and was compelled to concern herself with European affairs.

Byron Barrett, of Butte, Mont., was struck by an Interurban train Tuesday night at Milton, near Tacoma, and died in the hospital at Tacoma a few hours later without regaining consciousness. He was well known among turfmen.

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OPERATOR'S OFFER.

Propose That Restored Wage Scale of 1903 Be Effective For Two Years.

Indianapolis, March 28.—When the joint conference of the coal miners and operators of the central competitive district adjourned to-day until to-morrow there was no apparent prospect of a settlement of their wage differences.

A motion to continue the present scale for two years, made by the operators, was defeated by the solid vote of the miners. An amendment to President Mitchell's motion to restore the scale of 1903, offered by F. L. Robbins, of the Pennsylvania operators, to make the restored schedule effective for two years was accepted by Mr. Mitchell, subject to ratification by the national miners' convention, which will meet to-morrow to consider the question.

Mr. Robbins closed with an appeal to the miners to sign the scale by districts wherever the advance was offered.

There were several suggestions and hints at an arbitration commission during the day. H. R. Hammond said the complications of the whole situation would never be understood by the public until they had been examined by a commission, and he was willing that the differences should be settled by a commission.

The American people," said Mr. Mitchell, "are going to take and insist upon knowing why the operators cannot pay an advance of 3 cents a ton, and we are going to ask you why you can now charge the American people an advance of \$1 per ton and not be able to pay us an advance of 3 cents a ton. During the past two weeks the American people, and I do not mean the railroads, have been compelled to pay at the mines more than a dollar a ton at this time."

During the meeting, Mr. Robbins charged that many coal companies are owned by railroads and the profit on

the coal is not indicated by the books of the coal companies, as much of it is absorbed by the railroads.

He announced that the miners would continue in the future to ask for more wages, if the market justified, and stated positively that the miners would adhere to their demands for an increase at this time.

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basis while we have established a two-year proposition that worked against us during the past two years, it is a right principle. The country should not be stirred up, and we should not come here under restraint, as many operators having provided for the strike have done. It is absolutely true that the prices do not justify an advance, if you are going to base it simply on that position, but I do believe we face this crisis. With the shutting down of the mines in this country there will be a great industrial crisis that is going to bring infinite misery into the homes of millions of people and cause a setback to national prosperity that now exists.

I submit that as a business proposition it would be a saving of the immense strain and strife, cost in money, blood and hunger, which everyone who has been through strikes knows."

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.

March 21st to 27th, 1906.

The chief feature of the past week's weather in this district had been the welcome and much-needed rainfall. At the commencement of the week, on the 21st, disturbance on the California coast retarded. In its movement eastward a high pressure area which developed in the Canadian Northwest, and a depression of moderate depth appeared off Vancouver Island. These conditions caused heavy rainfall in California, and moderate rains in most districts northward to British Columbia. On the 22nd a Pacific Coast disturbance advanced land, forming two shallow depressions, one centred over this province, and the other overlying Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. On the 23rd, these low pressure areas united and formed a single disturbance central on the Oregon coast. Light rains occurred generally, and mild temperatures prevailed everywhere west of the Rockies. By the 24th the storm area had moved northward to British Columbia, causing heavy rain throughout the Pacific states, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. The 25th of this storm then crossed the province and the mountain ranges and became central in Alberta, the movement causing a general rise in temperature throughout the Canadian Northwest. On the 26th a high pressure area of great magnitude developed in the Atlantic states, the barometer being relatively high also along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, while at the same time the pressure was low over the Pacific states. These conditions caused unsettled weather both on the 26th and 27th, with showers on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland and in Western Oregon and Washington, and heavy rain in California and the adjoining states. This has

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been followed by an increase of pressure, the area being central over the Straits of Fuca, and conditions being favorable for an interval of a day or two of fine weather in this district.

At Victoria there were recorded 31 hours and 48 minutes of bright sunshine; the highest temperature was 53° on 25th; and the lowest, 36.2 on 25th; rain, 0.45 inch.

At Vancouver—Highest temperature, 59° on 23rd and 24th; lowest, 31.9 on 24th; rain, 0.63 inch.

At New Westminster—Highest temperature, 62° on 21st; lowest, 32.9 on 21st; rain, 0.62 inch.

At Kamloops—Highest temperature, 62 on 26th and 27th; lowest, 18 on 21st; rain, 0.16 inch.

At Barkerville—Highest temperature, 59 on 26th; lowest, 10 on 21st; no precipitation.

At Port Simpson—Highest, 54 on 22nd; lowest, 30 on 21st and 22nd; rain, 0.30 inch.

At Alert—Highest, 42 on 25th and 26th; lowest, 10 on 21st; no precipitation.

At Dawson—Highest, 31 on 22nd, 23rd and 27th; lowest, 18 below zero on 24th; no precipitation.

WRECK OF SPEKE

Story of the Loss of a Ship Well Known in These Waters.

Particulars of the loss of the British ship Speke, a craft familiar to these waters, having not very long ago loaded lumber at Vancouver under charter to a local company, are told in Australian papers just to hand. Capt. W. B. Tilton, the vessel's skipper, is also well known in Victoria shipping circles, where he has many friends.

The Speke was wrecked on the afternoon of February 2nd on the southern part of Port Phillip Island, off the Australian coast. She missed stays during a terrific southwest wind and was driven broadside to the reef. The boats were all smashed as fast as launched, and one sailor, Frank Henderson, was drowned. A line was shot ashore, and after a desperate struggle all hands reached the beach. The Speke was the largest British three-masted ship afloat. She left Port Los Angeles last August for Melbourne. From there she sailed November for Sydney Heads for orders. February 19th she was ordered to Melbourne to load wheat for the channel, and was on her way to Melbourne when disaster ended her career.

Captain Tilton says when a hurricane struck his ship: "I took in the upper topsails. The sea was high, and was still rising. At half-past eleven o'clock there was still a hurricane, and land was lying in sight about five miles distant. I tried to wear ship round, setting foreails and heaving-to. The vessel went round until the sea got on her quarter, and I found it impossible to haul her to again. At two o'clock the land was close, and I ordered the boats to be got ready and awning in the davits. The head was kept going continuously. When we reached fifteen fathoms I let go the port anchor, and three minutes afterwards I followed with the starboard anchor. The port anchor parted, and the starboard anchor dragged. When the port anchor parted I gave orders to put the boats out, and the order was carried out immediately. Four men entered the starboard lifeline. As the ship was going to strike on the starboard side the boat was passed around to the port side. The men in the lifeboat must have let the painter go, or else it was cut."

John W. Porter, A. H., one of the crew, states that after the port anchor had been severed, he was on the lifeline, but as the vessel drifted in they knew it was all up. She went up on a swell and then came down stern first on to the reef. A succession of other boats followed, and with the waves breaking over the decks she drifted broadside to the reef. Porter continued: "We went aft for the boats and the mate gave orders to pass the starboard boats to the port side. Four men, named Legg, Henderson, Martin and Berg, entered the boat when a huge breaker picked it up like a cork and capsized it. The four men were struggling in the water, and the case for them seemed hopeless. Three of them reached the shore, but poor Henderson was drowned. Meanwhile we were in desperate straits. The port boat was being driven down from the davits, but when we saw the other capsized we took it in again. About ten minutes after that a huge sea swept the boat away and broke both davits. There was smooth water on the starboard side, and a call was made for a man to take a line ashore. The mate asked me, but I thought it was too dangerous. At that moment the second mate, Cook, came up and offered to go. He took the line and with ringing cheers and our best wishes for his safety he entered the water. We watched his progress with our hearts in our mouths. He was buffeted by the waves and buried in all directions, but in five minutes a breaker threw him on to the rocks, and he made the line fast. The captain was the first to cross over the line, and the first mate went next. The men were orderly, and we arranged the order in which we should leave the wreck. The first we then sent over the line was 'Little Billy,' the deck-boy, who joined the ship after running away from home. We had a wonderful escape."

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other part of Canada when the number of liquor licenses are reduced. Compensation, if any, should go to those who were injured by the liquor traffic, and not to those who benefited—the liquor vendors. He condemned the principle of politicians receiving their funds from the liquor dealers, and in impassioned terms denounced the liquor traffic generally.

The following resolution was then put and carried by acclamation:

Resolved, that this meeting of the citizens of Victoria, after due consideration of the existing conditions respecting the licenses and sale of intoxicating beverages in Victoria, do hereby nominate and elect a committee, composed of three persons with power to add to their number, to wait upon the municipal council and urge that definite action to the fullest extent of their power be taken forthwith to abolish grocer and saloon licenses for the sale of any and all intoxicating beverages within the city of Victoria, B. C.

The proceedings concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

MINSTREL SHOW.

The George Primrose Company will visit Victoria on Monday.

L. Tait gave a chalk talk on revenue and taxes from the liquor traffic. He contended that the wealth of the country was diverted into liquor channels, and that the money was in the legislatures and the hands of the people. By the aid of a blackboard and chalk the speaker proceeded to figure out the revenue from the liquor traffic in Victoria as \$24,750 per annum.

The cost of the traffic and its maintenance in this city he figured out at \$20,166 per annum made up in part as follows: Proprietors salaries (\$75, \$75,000); assistants' salaries (\$700 each), \$53,000; rents \$46,200; breweries, \$6,300; restaurants, \$200; jail officials, \$12,100.

The speaker went on to detail upon the cost of the liquor traffic in Canada, which he estimated at \$60,000,000 per annum; it was \$60,000,000 in the United Kingdom, and much more in the United States.

In conclusion Mr. Tait argued that if this trade was to be continued, it would be at the peril of the rising generation, and appealed to all for the sake of the children, to put down the licensed trade, which was bringing poverty and crime in its train.

Rev. S. J. Thompson spoke on "Compensation," arguing that the saloon business was neither moral nor legitimate, and that the time was coming when to exercise a liquor license in Canada would be a criminal offence. He contended that the saloonkeeper had no vested interest in his business beyond the term of his license, and that due notice had been given these people that prohibition was coming and that they prepared to clear out. There should be no compensation whatever for depriving liquor dealers of the monopoly they have so long enjoyed. No such claims had been put forward in any

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JUSTICE AND COMMON SENSE.

The decision of the Chief Justice in the Midway & Vernon Railway case will be eminently satisfactory to all lovers of justice and fair play. The attitude of the provincial government to the company of individuals who embarked their all in a venture which the Dominion government was satisfied to accept as a work in the general interests of Canada, and which was held to be entitled to the usual Dominion subsidy, was difficult to understand except upon the assumption that there were influences at work behind the curtain antagonistic to the Midway & Vernon. The position of the McBride administration was a very unusual, we might say an unprecedented, position. In the case in question it was so diametrically opposed in spirit to the attitude of the same administration on another question of government policy as to cause wonder and amazement and speculation. It was admitted by the fact of the necessity of enacting a special act to cover the case that the Columbia & Western Railway Company had not legally earned the eight hundred thousand acres of land that was voted it, at the instance of the provincial government during the late session of the legislature. But the ministers were lost in amazement at the bare idea of denying this company the subsidy they were held by a bare majority of the legislature, which majority included the Socialists, to have morally earned. The promoters of the Midway & Vernon Railway enterprise were treated in an altogether different spirit. They had such faith in the scheme they espoused with great vigor and strong faith that they and all their friends put practically all their resources in it. They had enlisted capital and were just on the eve of achieving success when a responsible Minister of the Crown nearly ruined their prospects by casting a doubt on their bona fides. This Minister informed a representative of capital that it was doubtful whether the Midway & Vernon people had technically lived up to the terms of the act and that they would be entitled to no subsidy from the province until they had proved in the courts that they had literally complied with all the conditions of their contract. The decision of Chief Justice Hunter has not only prevented the perpetration of a great wrong and possibly averted financial ruin in the cases of a number of enterprising people, but it probably insures the construction of a railway which will be of unmistakable benefit to one of the richest and most promising sections of British Columbia, assuming that the government will accept the judgment as final.

ON THE DOWN GRADE.

We have let the Kain Island deal

rest for a day or two for one or two

reasons, the chief reason being that we

hesitated about thrusting an unsavory

topic upon the public attention at this

time when a Prince of the Royal

Household is "in our midst." If the

Lieut.-Governor had been asked by his

guest to explain what was the occa-

sion of one of the most notorious

scandals that has ever brought the

administration of a British country in

to disgrace, what could he have

replied? If His Honor had been asked

to enter into details what could he

have said? For these reasons we decided to let the almost unspeakable business rest until a more convenient season. To-day we present the matter to the attention of our readers as it appears in the Toronto Globe, which says:

The McBride government has, to say the least, been unfortunate during the legislative session recently closed by prorogation. The manner in which the transfer of Kain Island to the Grand Trunk Pacific Company was carried through is discreditable, if not scandalous, and, to make the matter worse, the minority report of the committee on the transaction was, by what has the appearance of sharp practice, excluded from the journals of the Legislative Assembly.

A still more serious question has been raised in connection with the statutory grant to the Canadian Pacific Railway of a land subsidy to the amount of eight hundred thousand acres. Attorney-General Wilson, who went east on private business during the session, is said to have left his resignation in the hands of Premier McBride. What is certain is that he has resigned, and that the acceptance of his resignation was not announced till after prorogation. The cause of his retirement from the Cabinet has not been officially made known, but it is currently reported to have been a difference of opinion between him and his colleagues regarding the government's railway policy. If this was the case, then the ordinary courtesy was not observed toward the Lieut.-Governor, whose prerogative it is to have trustworthy information as to the solidarity of his Cabinet on all matters of public policy. Ours is a system of "responsible" government, so-called not merely because the members of the Cabinet are responsible to one another, but also because they are collectively responsible to Parliament.

For the present the McBride government has managed to tide over the crisis by transferring the Attorney-Generalship to another Minister, while Mr. Wilson retains as a private member his seat for Vancouver. This cannot, however, be anything more than a temporary settlement of the matter, which must, as well as the Kain Island case, come up again next session for ventilation. At the same time, the Premier will be under the necessity of explaining the changes which have taken place in his Cabinet, and giving to the public the precise date of the late Attorney-General's resignation. According to well-informed local opinion the government is now on that notorious descent which is proverbially said to be "easy."

THE EMPIRE'S POPULATION.

The census taker is not so slow in his operations, but the statistical fel lows who handle, compile, assimilate and put in form for public consumption the data gathered by the collectors are very slow and deliberate in their operations. Private members of Parliament frequently give utterance to broadsides in regard to the apparently slothful movements of the head census men. They do not make allowances, when they are on the opposition side of the House, for the short work-day and peculiar physical characteristics of civil servants. Of Ottawa and Washington and Westminster the same tales are told. The system may be different in other countries. Of that we cannot speak with authority, all we can do is express our doubt because of a firm conviction that the servant of the public is the same wherever he may be found and whatever the tongue with which he speaks. The foregoing remarks have been suggested by an announcement that the first census of the British empire has just been issued from the general registrar's office in London, but much of the material in it will have to be digested before the value of it can be appreciated. The returns are for the year 1901, and nearly five years have been required to collect them and put them into anything like intelligible shape. According to the official figures, King Edward has in Asia more than 300,000,000 of subjects, on the American continent 7,500,000, in Africa about 45,000,000, in Australia more than 5,000,000, and in Europe more than 42,000,000. Classifying them broadly in religions, there are 268,000,000 of Hindus, 94,000,000 of Mohammedians, 58,000,000 of Christians, 12,000,000 of Buddhists and 23,000,000 of various pagan or non-Christian religions. It should be added that this last item represents a very wide generalization, since it contains Parsees, Sikhs, Jains, Jews and Confucians, as well as very primitive forms of superstition. Every attempt in the United Kingdom to add a column for religions to the census returns has been defeated up to the present time. For some reason or other the native British objects, seemingly, to declaring the faith that is in him for purposes of classification. There are exceptions, however, for some enthusiasts have not hesitated to proclaim themselves Calabumian, Canopist, Hoke, Hylozoist, Tipon, Thesian, Sung Quong, Millennium, Dawnite, and so on. A curious fact brought out in the returns is that during the last decennial period there has been a falling-off in the rate of increase of the population.

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It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that when the next census of the empire is taken one of the cities of Canada may be second in population.

Prince Arthur of Connaught has, we trust, had a pleasant time during his two days' sojourn in Victoria. The weather could not have been more favorable had it been made to Royal order. Nature was in her bluest mood, endeavoring to coax the hesitating buds and flowers into the belief that the season of pleasant activity has again come round. But let it be understood that we cannot be responsible for weather conditions once the Prince party passes beyond the most favored zone which encompasses Victoria.

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—Arrangements for the dance to be given at Colwood this evening have been completed. Music for the occasion will be supplied by the Chudley orchestra, and the first dance will be called promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

—The regular business meeting of the Victoria Citizens' League will take place on Friday next, March 29th, at the W. C. T. U. committee rooms, Yates street, at 8 p.m. As there is most important business to be discussed, members are earnestly requested to be present.

—Notice is given by the corporation that work will shortly be undertaken on the construction of cement sidewalks on the following streets: South side of Heywood avenue, from Blanchard avenue to Rupert street, North and south sides of Avalon road, from Government street to Douglas street, South side of Erie street, from Dallas road to St. Lawrence street. East side of Rendall street, from Niagara street to Simcoe street. West side of Montreal street, from Kingston street to Belleville street. West side of Government street, from Toronto street to Dallas road. South side of Niagara street, from Toronto street to Dallas road. South side of Niagara street, from Mensies street to Douglas street. North side of Quebec street, from Mensies street to Oswego street. North side of Michigan street, from Government street to Mensies street.

—Yesterday's Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "Frank Waring, who has been connected with R. G. Dunn & Company in this city and Victoria for the past seven years, left on the C. P. R. express yesterday afternoon for Calgary, where the company has established a branch which will be opened on April 1st." Prior to his departure a pleasing incident occurred which will long be remembered by Mr. Waring. Yesterday morning he visited the local offices of the company to bid good-bye to the boys. Just before leaving he was met by the members of the staff headed by J. B. Giffen, who presented him with a handsome locket suitably engraved on behalf of the staff of the Vancouver branch. Although taken completely by surprise, Mr. Waring replied briefly, thanking his friends for their handsome gift.

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Mason Street, 32, 1 story, 5 rooms,	13.00 do
Head Street, 1 story, 5 rooms,	8.00 do
Johnson Street, 293, 1 story, 4 rooms,	8.50 do

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THE COMPANY WAS WITHIN THE ACT

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Mr. McLean said the government had no right to pay over a cent until they were satisfied that every section of the act had been lived up to.

His Lordship said he still had some doubt as to whether the plan had to be filed before work began.

Mr. McLean said that under the proviso act the work was to be constructed after plans had been filed. The subsidy was granted on terms imposed by the province. There was really no construction begun until the ratify act had been complied with.

—Who could complain?" asked the Chief Justice.

Mr. McLean said that the government of the province could have stopped the work by mandamus.

"If they could stop it construction must have begun," said Mr. Bodwell.

The Chief Justice in giving his decision said this was an important matter to the parties concerned, and he therefore proposed to prevent any delay. He accordingly would give his decision at once.

He said that in 1901 the company was incorporated. In 1902, by reason of \$60,000 not having been deposited the act became null and void. In 1902 the Subsidy Act was passed and the former act was revived. Work was to be begun within six months after aid agreeable to the company had been obtained from the Dominion. The question was whether work was begun on or before January 1st, 1904.

In 1903 the Dominion parliament granted aid to the Midway & Vernon.

In 1903 work was begun in locating the line near Vernon and also active work on the proposed route. The plans and profiles were not filed before January, 1904, and not until March, 1904.

The evidence went to show that work was done on the route for the last three days of 1903 and for some time afterwards. The work was formally commenced by Price Ellison on January 1st, 1904.

In 1904 a contract was entered into with the Atlantic Contract Company, which came to nothing.

As far as February, 1905, the evidence would indicate that the government had some doubt as to whether the subsidy had been earned. In November this was further confirmed, and in December, 1905, a pre-emptory statement was made by the minister of finance that the subsidy would not be paid until the miners made a declaration as to the obligation of the Government in the matter.

By a contract with the Okanagan Construction Company about \$80,000 or \$90,000 had been spent and ten miles constructed.

The evidence was indisputable that two men were put to work on the construction of the line before January 1st, 1904.

If the legislature had required the doing of a certain act it was not for it to say that it might be done in a different way to what it was done. The legislature had required only that work should commence before the date. This had been done.

Something had been said about charter mongers and that these people had not the money to go on with. There was too much of a tendency sometimes to sneer at so-called charter mongers. Capital had to be brought in to build these works. It was a necessary thing.

During the stay of the Royal party in Victoria H. R. H. expressed a desire to have a photograph taken of himself and suite attired in the uniform worn at the time of the carrying out of his mission to Japan. It was the original intention to have this done in the East, but on learning that Victoria possessed artists whose qualification for the work was unquestioned, the Prince caused arrangements to be made for taking the group here. Mr. Savannah, whose work is so well known on this Coast, was entrusted with the commission, and notwithstanding that the photograph was taken in the open air and without the accessories of a studio, he secured a capital plate of the party.

The reproduction in another column, while printed off stereotyped plates and from a coarse screen half-tone, will give readers of the Times some idea of the effectiveness of the photograph.

A RECORD TRIP.

Pilot Made Run From Skagway to Union With Tow in Five Days.

The tug Pilot, Capt. Oscar Scarf, arrived from Skagway on Monday afternoon towing the barge Oregon to Union. The barge took north a load of coal for the White Pass & Yukon railway. This was discharged at Skagway. On this voyage south with the vessel a new record was established by the Pilot. Skagway was left behind at a. m. on the 20th and Union was reached on the morning of the 25th. The time made was exceptionally good in view of the fact that some five or six hours were lost in the vicinity of Seymour Narrows, where a heavy fog prevented progress, and also as no effort was made to make a fast trip. The Pilot will now be tied up for a while owing to the northern trade having fallen off. Her next business will be to take a load of coal to Seattle for the Great Northern steamship Minnesota.

—Hotel burned at Wrangell; fire started in second story. Get ready Taylor's automatic fire alarm now; it may happen to you.

for local people to get a charter and thus induce financiers to come in and construct it.

There was a point about which he had rather more doubt. This was whether the construction could be said to have commenced before plans had been filed. After consideration he did not think that this contention of Mr. McLean had force. What the section meant was that there should be bona fide construction of the railway, in fact, before the date. The construction required was not, he thought, of such a character as to indicate that all the requirements of the law should be complied with.

He held that the object of this filing of plans was to give persons through whose lands the line was to pass notice of the route and to allow of action being taken.

Whether the Dominion or Provincial statutes were followed he thought the construction intended was that it should be of fact and not such as would form the basis for a legal action.

He therefore decided that the railway had complied with the law by being commenced on or before January 1st, 1904.

UNITED STATES NAVY.

Uncle Sam May Build One of Largest Type of Fighting Vessel.

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committee on naval affairs decided yesterday to report a building programme for new ships in the navy as follows:

One battleship to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, \$6,000,000; the ship to be of the largest type, the tonnage to be determined by the secretary of the navy; three torpedo-boat destroyers to cost \$750,000 each, and \$1,000,000 to be expended by the secretary of the navy for submarine boats at his discretion. The naval fleet will carry a total of \$39,750,000. The current law aggregates \$10,000,000.

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In reaching its decision regarding the size of the proposed new battleship, the committee favored the recommendations recently made by the secretary of the navy that the ship be of 19,400 tons displacement. This recommendation, however, was not incorporated in the bill, the matter being left with the secretary.

Washington, March 28.—The house

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to Allow Counsel to Consult
Authorities.

The hearing of the argument in the application made to the Supreme court in connection with the election of a board of management for the Protestant Orphans' Home will not be heard until to-morrow. The case was formally called this morning in the court presided over by Chief Justice Hunter. Some preliminary objections were taken and the hearing of the case was laid over until the following day.

The defendants in the action are as follows: Rev. Le Roy Dakin, Rev. Heiron A. Carson, Rev. S. J. Thompson, Rev. F. T. Tapscott, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, George Lawson Milne and A. B. McNeill. It will be remembered that the application is to restrain Dr. Milne, the president selected by the board, from acting, and also to restrain the others named in the action from performing their duties as members of the board. The ground, for this is that the constitution of the society was not complied with and that the persons were at the time of the election not subscribers to the society.

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GET LISTS OF ESTIMATES TO-DAY

—A second lot of passengers from the steamer *Tenstar* will be discharged from quarantine in a few more days. These will be the remaining saloon passengers at William Head. The steerage passengers, it is intended to retain for a longer period. There is a probability that they will be released on Thursday next, but of this there is as yet no certainty.

John Merritts, in Cedar Hill, was summoned to appear in the police court this morning charged with cruelty to animals by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He is alleged to have stalled his horses for a day at the market, leaving the animal without food or water. The accused did not appear, but will answer the charge to-morrow morning.

—This evening there will be a conference at the city hall to discuss the proposal for watering the streets during the summer by a tank operated by the tramway company. At this conference there will be the Mayor and aldermen on behalf of the city, and Manager Goward and counsel representing the tramway company. The object of the meeting is to see if some more favorable agreement can not be made from the city's standpoint.

The City of Nanaimo will take the regular run of the steamer *Princess Victoria*, especially engaged for Prince Arthur to-morrow leaving the Bellerive street wharf at 1 o'clock on Saturday morning. This will also make a slight change on the New-Westminster run, the City of Nanaimo continuing on to New Westminster after completing the run to Vancouver on Saturday morning, and returning from New Westminster on Sunday at the usual hour. The *Princess Victoria* will make the usual trip from Vancouver to Victoria on Saturday, leaving Vancouver at 1 p.m.

—Without doubt the particular reason for the crowded houses at the Grand theatre this week is in the wonderful picnic on mind resulting from Little Lola Cotton. In the first part of her exhibition little Lola, while seated in a chair on the stage, is asked by her father from among the audience the names of different articles of whatever nature handed him. The accuracy and rapidity of her replies, which are instantaneous, is simply amazing and seems to defy explanation.

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Local News.

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—The work of unloading the big boilers for the steamer *Princess May* from the steamer *Yangtze* is proceeding at the outer wharf. The boilers are being lowered from the big scow to a scow alongside. Each weighs 47 tons, and to handle them special apparatus aboard ship had to be provided at a cost of \$1,000. From the scow the boilers will be lifted by means of shears.

—The funeral of Thos. Roarke took place this morning from the parlor of W. J. Hanne and the Roman Catholic church. Rev. Father Fredericks, assisted by Rev. Father Leterme, conducted the services. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. T. Banty, H. McDowell, H. O'Leary, E. Geiger, T. Gilligan and C. Geiger. Many beautiful floral emblems were presented.

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Sporting News

THE GUN.

MEETING TO-NIGHT.

This evening a meeting of the Capital Gun Club will be held, commencing at 8:30 o'clock, at 35 Johnson street. A large attendance is requested.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

REFEEREE'S STATEMENT.

To the Sporting Editor:—My attention has been drawn to your notice of the football match between Victoria United and Ladysmith, played on the Oak Bay grounds last Saturday, which I had the honor of refereeing. I beg that in justice to me you will see fit to publish the following facts:

The second goal was secured from a penalty given by me because of Thomson handing the ball within the penalty area.

The third goal was to my certain knowledge two feet through the uprights which cleared.

The fourth goal was not off-side, San-derson having three men behind him when ball was last played.

Having answered satisfactorily the claims of the Victoria United players, I would further draw your attention to the betting to which I was subjected, both by the supporters and players of the Victoria United club. During the progress of the game I was the butt for rude remarks and loudly shouted invectives. This culminated in one of the players, Thomson, using obscene language to me, suffice for publication, for which I ordered him off the field. He subsequently paraded the ground, informing the general public that he had told Harvey what he thought of him. Thomson's very discreditable action, as above related, was furthered by another player, Schwengers, who informed me "I was a dirty bartender," high giving me at the same time the unsolicited information that I need not, owing to my refereeing, ever look to them for a job. Perhaps I may in conclusion be permitted to add that should I ever be in the unfortunate position of requiring a job it certainly would not occur to me, even as a last resource, to apply to such "sports" for one. Sir, in conclusion, I think that it is only right and just to the Garrison team, who are shortly leaving these shores, that they have justly earned the premier position as champions of Vancouver Island, a title which appears to be greatly coveted by the Victoria United, and earned by no unfair refereeing, as I am sorry to say Victoria United would lead the public to believe. It is with little wonder that the Garrison should see in print once again the weakness of their old rivals, quibbling over the decisions of the referee, now that they have met their Waterloo at the hands of a superior team.

F. HARVEY.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP. At Oak Bay on Saturday next the second game for the intermediate championship of the Island will take place, and will doubtless prove a very exciting affair, and when the Victoria Centrals line up against the Ladysmith selection both teams will be in prime condition. When last there met Ladysmith had the best of the score, but on this occasion, the Centrals hope to turn the tables.

BILLIARDS.

INTERESTING MATCH. A. Dicker and W. J. Brown will try conclusions at the Adelphi billiard rooms this evening. Mr. Dicker is a player well known in Victoria, being the winner of the 1903 navy championship. His opponent is a recent arrival in Victoria, but a billiard enthusiast, who plays a grand game. Much interest is centred in the match, which is one of thousand points.

THE OAR.

NEW WESTMINSTER CLUB. The Burnsby Lake Rowing and Boating Club has been organized at New Westminster. The waters of the Fraser River are not favorable to aquatic sports, and hence the Royal City has been deprived of the pleasure of organized sport in that particular, and was obliged to content herself with participating in the Vancouver events. It is now announced to be the intention of the Electric Railway Company to run a branch line to Burnsby lake, where the new boat club will operate.

RACQUET.

THE SURVIVING PAIRS. The surviving pairs in the national racquet doubles championship tournament will meet on the New York racquet and tennis court to-day. They are George R. Fearing and H. D. Scott, of Boston, and L. Waterbury and Charles E. Sands, of New York.

THE ROD.

GOOD FISHING ON THE COWICHAN. One party who has just returned from the headwaters of the Cowichan river reports that fish, ranging in weight from one to five pounds, are taking the fly with avidity and fighting for life and liberty with the strength and courage of twenty-pounders. This statement is vouched for in a very tangible and substantial fashion, as the Times can testify. There fore there is every probability that Prince Arthur, should the weather prove favorable, will have good sport during his trip.

The gun room of a man-of-war is a place where the midshipmen, naval ratings, and other junior officers pass their time when off duty. It came to be called the gun room because formerly it was under the care of the chief gunner.

In parts it is calculated that a proportion of one in eighteen of the population live on charity, with a tendency towards crime. In London the average is one in

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

VANCOUVER.

It is quite probable that after July 1st hotel licenses in Vancouver will be raised from \$250 to \$500. As all saloons which are now paying \$600 for their licenses are to be abolished, it is felt by the city council that it will be necessary to take some steps to make up for the loss of revenue. The revenue from saloons and hotels at present is \$13,850, and the proposed increase, when all saloons are converted into hotels, would mean a revenue of \$30,000.—*News-Advertiser.*

The executive committee of the Hundred Thousand Club has decided to take some action in the telephone strike, and endeavor to do something towards bringing about an amicable settlement between the parties concerned.

George H. Robinson, general manager of the Britannia Mines Company, Ltd., came down from the mines on the steamer Britannia Tuesday night. Mr. Robinson stated that there is a great scarcity of miners at present, and that there is work for at least 50 men at the mines at Britannia. There will be work for many more during the coming summer, but the management is experiencing the greatest difficulty in securing miners at present.

The B. C. E. R. Co. will this summer install a line which will furnish light and power to the residents of the district about Ladysmith, and there is the possibility that this is but the first step to the closer connection of the town across the river to the metropolis of the province through a regular tram service, says the *World*. The line is expected to be installed and in working order by October 1st at the latest. It will carry 2,000 volts at first.

The city council has passed a by-law to prevent the overcrowding of the aires. The principal clause is as follows: "No person having the care, government or management of any show, exhibition or performance in any building used as a theatre for exhibitions of any kind, or other place of public amusement shall permit any person or persons to remain in any entrance, exit, or aisle in any such building when such show, exhibition or performance is going on, other than his employees, for a longer period than is necessary to enable them to gain their seats or leave the building."

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